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REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in this patent application. By this response, Applicants elect claim 3, with traverse. Claim 1 is a generic claim. Claims 4-20 and 26-30 are withdrawn.

Applicants traverse is limited to claims 2, 21-25 and 31. Applicants submit that claims 2 and 21-31 were not included in the election requirement. Claim 2 should be examined. Additionally, claims 21-24, which depend on claim 2, should be examined. Claim 25 depends from elected claim 3 and falls within the scope of the election provided herein. Claim 31 is an independent claim and was also not included in the election requirement. Claim 31 should thus be examined. The remaining claims 26-30 depend on non-elected claims and are thus withdrawn from consideration.

The examination of the requested claims will not place an undue burden on the Examiner. Upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants request rejoinder of all of the non-elected claims.

In view of the remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-3, 21-25 and 31 be examined. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below, if needed.

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